



MAIL STOP
AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: J.L. Wicker Attorney Docket No.: BLBL121582
Application No.: 10/661,092 Group Art Unit: 3635
Filed: September 12, 2003 Examiner: J.E. Chapman
Title: ANCHORING DEVICE FOR SECURING A COVER TO THE GROUND

RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Seattle, Washington 98101

January 18, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Response Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application.

X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	-	20	=	0	x	25	=	0
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	100	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request

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for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

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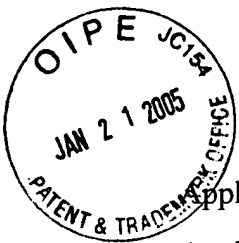
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This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed October 18, 2004, Claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,176,354, to Feigenbaum, Jr. (hereinafter "Feigenbaum"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,150,485, to Maguire.¹ Claims 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Feigenbaum in view of Maguire, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,832,672, to Griffiths et al. Applicant has carefully considered each of these cited patents and the discussion provided by the Examiner in the Office Action, and respectfully submits that the claims in the present application are patentable over the prior art. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims and allowance of the application for the reasons discussed below.

¹ The Office Action refers to "Feigenbaum '314" which is believed to be in error. Applicant has understood the rejection to be made in reference to Feigenbaum '354, which is referenced in both applicant's Information Disclosure Statement and the Examiner's Form PTO-892, as well as a patent front sheet with annotations attached to the Office Action.

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